

Map 6

Caves Track

General

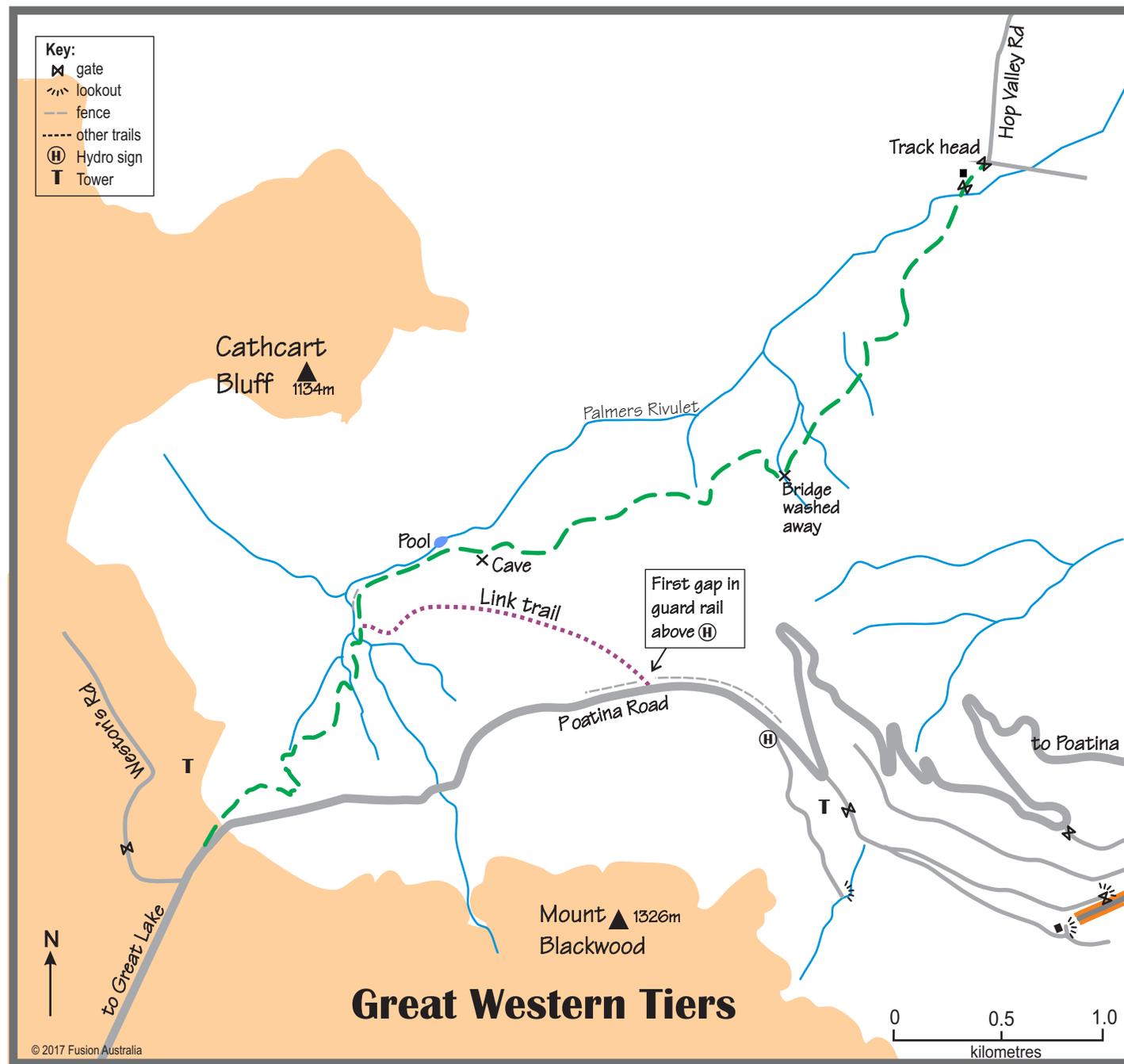
- ▶ Follow the historical route taken by horses and cars to ascend the Great Western Tiers before Poatina Road opened about 1965. This is part of the Tasmanian Trail, a 460 km route from Devonport in the north of Tasmania to Dover in the South East (see over). The Caves Track is where the Tasmanian Trail climbs to the Central Highlands.
- ▶ If possible, avoid walking alone
- ▶ Advise someone of your walking route & expected time of return.
- ▶ Track is slippery when wet
- ▶ Consider the weather forecast & dress appropriately
- ▶ Wear shoes/boots because of the rough terrain
- ▶ The track goes through private property. Please use marked track only.

Access

- ▶ Drive to trackhead (25 minutes from Poatina) at the left hand bend of Hop Valley Road after Tubbs Road (see over).
- ▶ For transport to track head, contact Poatina Chalet 6397 8290

Walk details

- ▶ Locate Tasmanian Trail logo near gate (see over). Walk south through two gates and ford Palmers Rivulet (this may require the removal of shoes and socks).
- ▶ As the Caves Track is marked on Google Maps, it is possible to use this on your mobile phone to check that you are on the correct track.
- ▶ The upper half of the track is eroded and very rough with exposed rocks slowing progress.
- ▶ Note junction with Link Trail about 1km after the cave. Turn right at this junction to cross a tributary of Palmers Rivulet.
- ▶ Walk is Hard: 800m ascent; 6km: 3-4 hrs.
- ▶ Track exit is 200m before the crest of Poatina Road & marked with a Tasmanian Trail sign.



In the event of emergency contact:

- Poatina Chalet 6397 8290
- 000 Ambulance, Police etc
- Launceston General Hospital 6348 7111

Tasmanian Trail

www.tasmaniantrail.com.au

The Tasmanian Trail is a 460 km route designed for horse riders, mountain bike riders and walkers from Devonport in the north of Tasmania to Dover in the South East. The trail was inspired by the Bicentennial National Trail which opened on the mainland in 1988.

The Tasmanian Trail opened in 1997.

The trail commences with a gentle grade on a road from Devonport which runs beside the Mersey River. It soon enters rougher terrain including the Cluan Tiers and Great Western Tiers. The trail then passes through the Great Lake region across the Highlands to the Derwent River. At New Norfolk the trail leaves the Derwent and climbs over the mountain pass of the old stock route to the Huon River Valley using a track around the 'back' of Hobart's Mount Wellington.

The towns the trail passes through (or near) are Latrobe, Railton, Sheffield, (Deloraine), Bracknell, (Poatina), Arthur's Lake, Miena, Bronte Park, Ouse, Bushy Park, Glenora, New Norfolk, Lachlan, Judbury, (Geeveston) and Dover.



Distinct red and yellow trail markers help users navigate the trail.



Poatina is located on a plateau below the Great Western Tiers, 50 minutes drive from Launceston.

Accommodation & meals available:

Contact Poatina Chalet (motel, hostel & café/restaurant) 6397 8290

poatina.net.au

Caves Track – driving route to trackhead

